### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**BEFORE THE** 

#### COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

## **SECURITIES COMMISSIONER**

In the Matter of Star Search 2000, Inc.	)	
a/k/a Talent Search 2000; \$1,000,000	)	CEASE AND DESIST ORDER,
Talent Search, Inc.; Shari Nelson; and	)	NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY, AND
their officers, directors, agents and	)	NOTICE OF RIGHT TO
employees,	)	REQUEST A HEARING
Respondents.	)	

THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO STAR SEARCH 2000, INC. A/K/A TALENT SEARCH 2000; \$1,000,000 TALENT SEARCH, INC.; SHARI NELSON; AND THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES:

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has a reasonable basis to believe that the Respondents have engaged in, are engaging in, or are about to engage in, acts, practices or transactions, as more fully described below, which are prohibited under Chapter 10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.). It is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors to restrain these acts, practices, or transactions of the Respondent.

- 1. The Respondents have offered for sale and/or sold investment(s) in Star Search 2000, Inc., Talent Search 2000, and/or \$1,000,000 Talent Search, Inc. The subject investment(s) are securities as defined in N.D.C.C. §10-04-02(15).
- 2. The subject investment(s) have not been registered with the Securities Commissioner under N.D.C.C. §§ 10-04-07, 10-04-07.1, 10-04-08, or 10-04-08.1; are not exempt securities under N.D.C.C. §10-04-05; and have not been offered for sale or sold in exempt transactions under N.D.C.C. §10-04-06.

3. None of the respondents were registered as a dealer or an agent. As such, each transaction was made in violation of N.D.C.C. §10-04-10.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to N.D.C.C. §10-04-16, that the Respondents shall immediately CEASE AND DESIST:

- 1. From offering for sale or selling in North Dakota the subject investment, or any other investment interest however denominated, unless and until such investment interests have been registered with the Securities Commissioner.
- 2. From offering for sale or selling investments in North Dakota unless and until they have registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers or agents.

This order does not prohibit the offer or sale of securities through exempt securities transactions under N.D.C.C. §10-04-06, nor does it prohibit <u>registered</u> dealers and agents from offering or selling exempt securities under N.D.C.C. §10-04-05.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that any willful violation of this order is a Class B Felony pursuant to §10-04-18(1) N.D.C.C. Pursuant to §12.1-32-01 N.D.C.C., a Class B Felony is punishable by a \$10,000 fine and 10 years' imprisonment.

#### **NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTIES**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above-cited violations are sufficient grounds for the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to N.D.C.C. §10-04-16(1). The Securities Commissioner does not herein assess a civil penalty, but the Commissioner expressly reserves the authority to assess civil penalties, not to exceed \$10,000 per violation,

regarding the violations outlined above, any other violations subsequently discovered, or any future securities violations or violations of this order.

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that pursuant to N.D.C.C. §10-04-12 you may request a hearing before the Securities Commissioner if such a request is made in writing <u>WITHIN</u> <u>TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER.</u> The Respondents have the right to be represented by legal counsel at the hearing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal this 30 day of January, 2001.



Syver Vine, Securities Commissioner Office of the Securities Commissioner

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I, Jacqui Ferderer, being first duly swo over the age of twenty-one years and proceeding.	orn, state that I am a citizen of the United States not a party to or interested in the above-entitled

On, January <u>30</u>, 2001, I deposited in the Central Mailing Bureau of the United States Post Office Department in the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, true and correct copies of the following document:

# CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, NOTICE OF CIVIL PENLATY, AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

A copy of the above document was securely enclosed in an envelope with postage prepaid, sent via Certified U. S. mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to each of the following:

Star search 2000, Inc. 6000 E. Evans Avenue Building One, Third Floor Denver, CO 80222

Shari Nelson 2429 South Chase Lane Lakewood, CO 80227

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the address given above is the last known address of the party intended to be served.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 30\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Land B. Jamburt

Diane B. G. Kambeitz, Notary Public

Burleigh County, North Dakota

My commission expires 4/25/2006